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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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| <i>Application Number</i>     | 09/755,408            |
| <i>Filing Date</i>            | January 5, 2001       |
| <i>First Named Inventor</i>   | Robert I. Nurse       |
| <i>Group Art Unit</i>         | 3727                  |
| <i>Examiner Name</i>          | Stephen J. Castellano |
| <i>Attorney Docket Number</i> | 7903M                 |
| <i>Confirmation Number</i>    | 5236                  |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a.  Previously submitted
  - i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
  - ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Enclosed
  - i.  Amendment/Reply
  - ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - iv.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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**2. Miscellaneous**

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

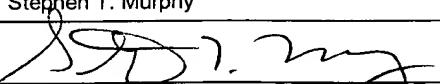
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  - i.  RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
  - ii.  Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
  - iii.  Suspension of action fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i)
  - iv.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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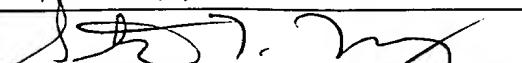
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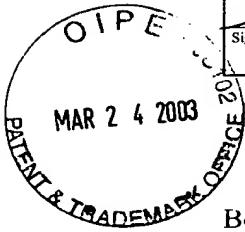
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE  
RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

Case Docket No. 7903M

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ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT for the patent application:

Inventor(s): Robert I. Nurse      Confirmation No.: 5236

Serial No.: 09/755,408      Group Art Unit: 3727

Date Filed: January 5, 2001      Examiner: Stephen J. Castellano

Title:

1.  No additional fee is known to be required.
2.  The fee has been calculated as shown below:

|   | (Col. 1)                         | (Col. 2) | (Col. 3)                        | OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY |                             |
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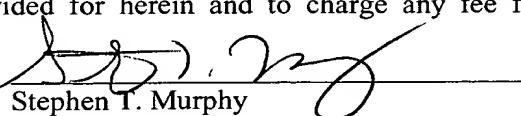
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3.  The Commissioner is hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a) to grant any extension of time needed for timely response to the Office Action dated in the above-identified application to preserve pendency of said application. The processing fee under 37 CFR §1.17 has been determined as follows: \$930.00 for a 3-month extension of time.
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